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TAGS: OVIP, JA (MIYAZAWA KIICHI)

SUBJECT: FORIEGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA'S PLANS

REF: TOKYO 3623

1. TOKYO SHIMBUN MARCH 25 WUOTED UNNAMED QTE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL UNQTE TO EFFECT THAT IN MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT AND LDP OFFICIALS MARCH 24 EVENING, PRIME MINISTER MIKI SOUGHT AGREEMENT THAT MIYAZAWA'S TRIP TO THE U.S. SHOULD TAKE PLACE DURING QTE GOLDEN WEEK UNQTE OF HOLIDAYS IN EARLY MAY. PAPER CLAIMED THIS PLAN WOULD CALL FOR MIYAZAWA TO DEPART TOKYO APRIL 27, VISIT U.S. AND THEN SWING BACK THROUGH AUSTRALIA FOR SCHEDULED MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, RETURNING TO TOKYO AROUND MAY 5.

2. IN LIGHT OF OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MIYAZAWA DESIRED IF POSSIBLE TO MEET THE SECRETARY DURING APRIL 9-15 PERIOD (REFTEL), WE ASKED FONOFF FOR CLARIFICATION OF PRESS STORY. AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRGEN YAMAZAKI CHECKED DIRECTLY WITH MIYAZAWA, WHO SAID THE PRESS STORY IS COMPLETELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION. MIYAZAWA SAID HE HAD TALKED ABOUT TIMING OF HISTRIP WITH PRIME MINISTER AT TIME OF REGUALR CABINET MEETING MORNING OF MARCH 25, AND MIKI REMAINS EAGER FOR MIYAZAWA TO GO IF AT ALL POSSIBLE DD
ING
APRIL 9-15 PERIOD. MIYAZAWA ADVISED US TO IGNORE PRESS SPER LATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.

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3. YAMAZAKI'S DEPUTY FUKADA, EARLER HAD ACKNOWLEDGE

THAT QTE SOME PEOPLE UNQTE IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
OPPOSED MIYAZAWA'S TRAVEL BEFORE END OF APRIL, BUT HE
COULD OFFER NO CLEAR EXPLANATION FOR THEIR ATTITUDE
EXCEPT THAT DIET WILL BE CONSIDERING IMPORTANT TREATY
BILLS. AT ANYRATE, HE TTOO CONFIRMED THAT FONOFF VERY
MUCH HOPES IT CAN BE WORKED OUT TO PERMIT FORIENG MINISTER
TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY DURING APRIL 9-15 PERIOD.
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